

report of two rules regarding the Ohio Maintenance Plan and Recycled Used Oil Management Standards (FRL6123-1, FRL6123-3) received on July 8, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5973. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Retention of Three Preamendment Class III Devices in Class III" (Docket 94N-0418) received on July 8, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-501. A resolution adopted by the City Council of Hialeah, Florida relative to the renaming of the Everglades National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-502. A resolution adopted by the Village Council of Miami Shores Village, Florida relative to the renaming of the Everglades National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-503. A resolution adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Virginia Gardens, Florida relative to the renaming of the Everglades National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-504. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire relative to trade with Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-505. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72

Whereas, The Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA) as passed by Congress and was signed into law on August 3, 1996, by President Clinton; and

Whereas, Among the purposes of the FQPA is to assure that pesticide tolerance decisions and policies are based upon sound science and reliable data; and

Whereas, Another purpose of the FQPA is to assure tolerance decisions and policies are formulated in an open and transparent manner; and

Whereas, The EPA is required by the FQPA to have reviewed approximately 3,000 of the approximately 9,700 existing tolerances by August 1999 to determine whether these tolerances meet the safety standards established by the FQPA; and

Whereas, The implementation of the FQPA could have a profound negative impact on domestic agricultural production and on consumer food prices and availability. With Michigan's diverse agriculture, this impact could be especially severe on our numerous specialty crops; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to take the following actions:

1. Direct the EPA to initiate immediately appropriate administrative rulemaking to ensure that the policies and standards the agency intends to apply in evaluating pesticide tolerances are subject to thorough public notice and comment prior to final tolerance determinations being made by the agency.

2. Direct the EPA to use its authority under the FQPA to provide interested persons the opportunity to produce data needed

to evaluate a pesticide tolerance so that the agency can avoid the use of unrealistic default assumptions in making pesticide tolerance decisions.

3. Direct the EPA to implement the FQPA in a manner that will not disrupt agricultural production nor have a negative impact on the availability, diversity, and affordability of food.

4. Conduct oversight hearings immediately to ensure that actions taken by the EPA are consistent with the FQPA provisions and congressional intent. If the intent of the legislation is not carried out, then Congress should postpone the August 1999 deadline. Following oversight hearings, Congress should, if necessary, take appropriate actions or amend the FQPA to correct problem areas.

5. Encourage the Secretary of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture to increase its commitment of manpower and budgetary resources to work with the EPA to gather scientific data. Furthermore, Congress should encourage the United States Department of Agriculture to conduct an economic impact statement on the implementation of the FQPA.

6. Clarify the role of Section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act as its provisions relate to the reestablishment of tolerances under the FQPA; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Adopted by the Senate, March 26, 1998.

Adopted by the House of Representatives, June 11, 1998.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. 2286. An original bill to amend the National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with increased access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations and improve program management, to extend certain authorities contained in those Acts through fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-243).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1695. A bill to establish the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site in the State of Colorado (Rept. No. 105-244).

By Mr. D'AMATO, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 1283. A bill to award Congressional gold medals to Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas, commonly referred collectively as the "Little Rock Nine" on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the integration of the Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas (Rept. No. 105-245).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1259. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the United States Coast Guard, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-246).

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance, unfavorably without amendment:

S.J. Res. 47. A joint resolution disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance:

Raymond W. Kelly, of New York, to be Commissioner of Customs.

James E. Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement.

Elizabeth Bresee, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. REID, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 2285. A bill to establish a commission, in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Seneca Falls Convention, to further protect sites of importance in the historic efforts to secure equal rights for women; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 2286. An original bill to amend the National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with increased access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations and improve program management, to extend certain authorities contained in those Acts through fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself and Mr. BUMPERS) (by request):

S. 2287. A bill to provide for a more competitive electric power industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 2288. A bill to provide for the reform and continuing legislative oversight of the production, procurement, dissemination, and permanent public access of the Government's publications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BUMPERS:

S. 2289. A bill to amend the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, relating to grand jury proceedings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BREAUX:

S. 2290. A bill to promote the construction and operation of cruise ships in the United